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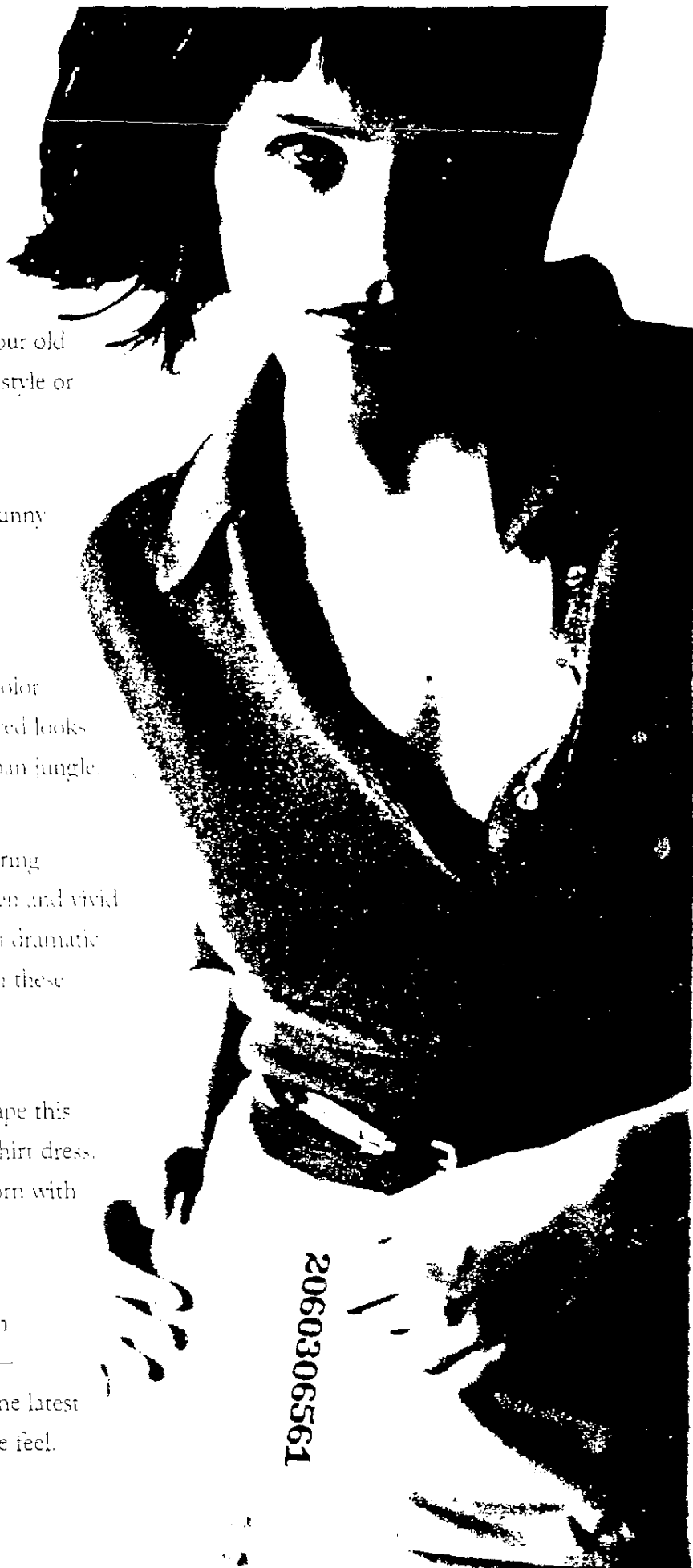
Marie Claire takes the latest trends direct from the runway and translates them into accessible fashion statements. With this aspirational, yet realistic fashion approach in mind, *Marie Claire* offers you the following tips on how to get dressed once the warm weather arrives. Get ready to retire your weary winter wardrobe and shift into shades of spring!

- 1 **Classic Combination.** The sign of a true classic is that it always exudes a sense of effortless style. Perfect the art of casual smart: throw a loose jacket over an informal satin dress.
- 2 **Quick Change.** Go from casual daywear to nighttime glamour. Wear a basic black or navy shift dress, replace your day bag with a compact, satin clutch and feminize the look with strappy sandals.

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- 3 **Run check.** April showers bring May flowers — time to retrench your old trench. Go for classic streamlined style or loosen up with knee-length vinyl.
- 4 **Work-to-weekend wardrobe.** Skinny pants and a light cotton sweater transcend seasonal boundaries.
- 5 **Back to black** — the return of a favorite color of the seventies. Wear safari-inspired looks designed for office wear or any urban jungle.
- 6 **Citrus Bright.** Recharge your spring wardrobe with tangerine, lime green and vivid yellow. For those who don't want a dramatic change, look for new accessories in these bright colors to update your look.
- 7 **Dress up.** The essential dress shape this season is the button or zip-front shirt dress. Simply styled, this look can be worn with or without a fabric belt.
- 8 **Suits you.** The new suit comes in comfortable, unstructured fabric — choose your spring two-piece in the latest silk or matte jersey for a soft, loose feel.



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